

Legislative Summary: Ordinance No. 991-2024

This ordinance amends various Sections of Codified Ordinance Chapter 514, Issuance of Temporary Public Right-of-Way Occupancy Permits for Streetscape Amenities, to prospectively exempt bicycle racks from permit application fees and renewal fees. It does not exempt them from insurance, indemnification, and other requirements. Section 514.04, Permit Fee, Issuance, and Duration, is specifically amended to provide that no permit application fee or renewal fee shall be required for only bicycle racks. The current permit application fee is \$160 and the annual renewal fee \$110.

Chapter 514 provides permit requirements and regulations for issuance of temporary public right-of-way occupancy permits for many streetscape amenities, including bicycle racks. City Council and the City promote bicycle use for transportation and recreation, as evidenced by passage of the Complete and Green Streets Ordinance No. 370-2022 and the City's Climate Action Plan. The City wants to encourage more Clevelanders to ride bikes and businesses to provide bicycle racks for their use. This ordinance furthers that purpose.

Portland, Oregon is an example of a city that doesn't charge a fee for bicycle racks (1-2 bikes). While other major Ohio cities charge permit fees for bicycle racks, Cleveland would be the first in Ohio to prioritize bicycle rack installation by eliminating permit and renewal fees.